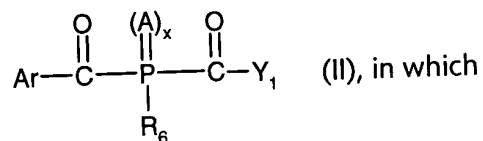


Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

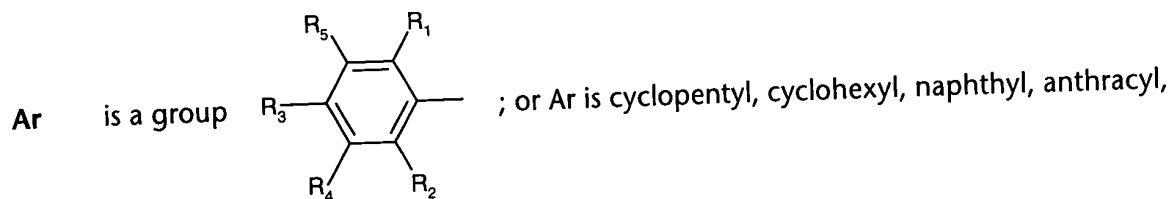
Amend claims 2 and 3 by replacement as follows:

2. (amended) A compound of the formula II



A is O or S;

x is 0 or 1;



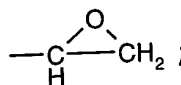
biphenyl or an O-, S- or N-containing 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring, where the radicals cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, naphthyl, anthracyl, biphenyl and 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, C₁-C₄alkyl and/or C₁-C₄alkoxy;

R₁ and R₂ independently of one another are C₁-C₂₀alkyl, OR₁₁, CF₃ or halogen;

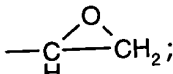
R₃, R₄ and R₅ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀alkyl, OR₁₁ or halogen;

or in each case two of the radicals R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ together form C₁-C₂₀alkylene which can be interrupted by O, S or -NR₁₄;

R₆ is C₁-C₂₄alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by C₅-C₂₄cycloalkenyl, phenyl, CN, C(O)R₁₁, C(O)OR₁₁, C(O)N(R₁₄)₂, OC(O)R₁₁, OC(O)OR₁₁, N(R₁₄)C(O)N(R₁₄), OC(O)NR₁₄, N(R₁₄)C(O)OR₁₁, cycloalkyl, halogen,

OR₁₁, SR₁₁, N(R₁₂)(R₁₃) or ;

C₂-C₂₄alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O, S or NR₁₄ and which is unsubstituted or substituted by phenyl, OR₁₁, SR₁₁, N(R₁₂)(R₁₃), CN, C(O)R₁₁, C(O)OR₁₁, C(O)N(R₁₄)₂

and/or ;

C₂-C₂₄alkenyl which is uninterrupted or interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O, S or NR₁₄ and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OR₁₁, SR₁₁ or N(R₁₂)(R₁₃);

C_5-C_{24} cycloalkenyl which is uninterrupted or interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O, S or NR_{14} and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OR_{11} , SR_{11} or $N(R_{12})(R_{13})$;

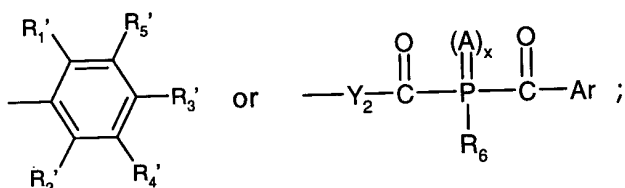
C_7-C_{24} arylalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted on the aryl group by C_1-C_{12} alkyl, C_1-C_{12} alkoxy or halogen;

C_4-C_{24} cycloalkyl which is uninterrupted or interrupted once or more than once by O, S and/or NR_{14} and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OR_{11} , SR_{11} or $N(R_{12})(R_{13})$; or C_8-C_{24} arylcyaloalkyl or C_8-C_{24} arylcyaloalkenyl;

R_{11} is H, C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_2-C_{20} alkenyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl or C_2-C_{20} alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OH and/or SH;

R_{12} and R_{13} independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl or C_2-C_{20} alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by O or S and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OH and/or SH; or R_{12} and R_{13} together are C_3-C_5 alkylene which is uninterrupted or interrupted by O, S or NR_{14} ;

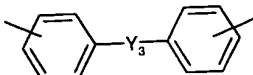
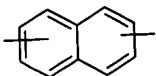
Y_1 is C_1-C_{18} alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more phenyl; C_1-C_{18} -halogenoalkyl; C_2-C_{18} alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by O or S and which can be substituted by OH and/or SH; unsubstituted C_3-C_{18} cycloalkyl or C_3-C_{18} cycloalkyl substituted by C_1-C_{20} alkyl, OR_{11} , CF_3 or halogen; C_2-C_{18} alkenyl; or Y_1 is OR_{11} , $N(R_{12})(R_{13})$ or one of the radicals



or Y_1 is cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, naphthyl, anthracyl, biphenyl or an O-, S- or N-containing 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring, where the radicals cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, naphthyl, anthracyl, biphenyl and 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl and/or C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

Y_2 is a direct bond; unsubstituted or phenyl-substituted C_1-C_{18} alkylene; unsubstituted C_4-C_{18} cycloalkylene or C_4-C_{18} cycloalkylene substituted by C_1-C_{12} alkyl, OR_{11} , halogen and/or phenyl; unsubstituted C_5-C_{18} cycloalkenylene or C_5-C_{18} cycloalkenylene substituted by C_1-C_{12} alkyl, OR_{11} , halogen

and/or phenyl; unsubstituted phenylene or phenylene substituted one to four times by C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, OR_{11} , halogen, $-(CO)OR_{14}$, $-(CO)N(R_{12})(R_{13})$ and/or phenyl;

or Y_2 is a radical  or , where these radicals are unsubstituted

or are substituted one to four times on one or both aromatic ring(s) by C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, OR_{11} , halogen and/or phenyl;

Y_3 is O, S, SO, SO_2 , CH_2 , $C(CH_3)_2$, $CHCH_3$, $C(CF_3)_2$, CO or a direct bond;

R_{14} is hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_{12} alkyl or C_2 - C_{12} alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by O or S and which can be substituted by OH and/or SH;

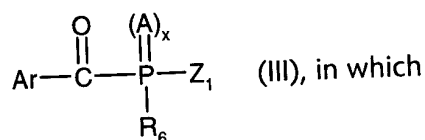
R_1' and R_2' independently of one another have the same meanings as given for R_1 and R_2 ; and

R_3' , R_4' and R_5' independently of one another have the same meanings as given for R_3 , R_4 and R_5 ;

or in each case two of the radicals R_1' , R_2' , R_3' , R_4' and R_5' together form C_1 - C_{20} alkylene which may be interrupted by O, S or $-NR_{14}$;

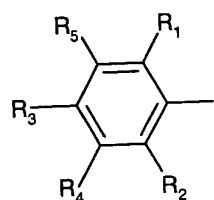
with the proviso that Y_1 is not identical to Ar and wherein the compounds n-butyl-(2,6-dimethoxybenzoyl)-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl) phosphine oxide, i-butyl-(2,6-dimethoxybenzoyl)-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl) phosphine oxide and (2,6-dimethoxybenzoyl)-(2,6-dimethylbenzoyl)-(2,4,4-trimethylpentyl) phosphine oxide are excluded.

→ 3. (amended) A compound of the formula III



A is O or S;

x is 0 or 1;

Ar is a group ; or Ar is cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, naphthyl, anthracyl,

biphenyl or an O-, S- or N-containing 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring, where the radicals

cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, naphthyl, anthracyl, biphenyl and 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, C₁-C₄alkyl and/or C₁-C₄alkoxy;

R₁ and R₂ independently of one another are C₁-C₂₀alkyl, OR₁₁, CF₃ or halogen;

R₃, R₄ and R₅ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀alkyl, OR₁₁ or halogen;

or in each case two of the radicals R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ together form C₁-C₂₀alkylene which can be interrupted by O, S or -NR₁₄;

R₆ is C₁-C₂₄alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by C₅-C₂₄cycloalkenyl, phenyl, CN, C(O)R₁₁, C(O)OR₁₁, C(O)N(R₁₄)₂, OC(O)R₁₁, OC(O)OR₁₁, N(R₁₄)C(O)N(R₁₄), OC(O)NR₁₄, N(R₁₄)C(O)OR₁₁, cycloalkyl, halogen,

OR₁₁, SR₁₁, N(R₁₂)(R₁₃) or $\text{---}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{H}}{\text{C}}}\text{---CH}_2$;

C₂-C₂₄alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O, S or NR₁₄ and which is unsubstituted or substituted by phenyl, OR₁₁, SR₁₁, N(R₁₂)(R₁₃), CN, C(O)R₁₁, C(O)OR₁₁, C(O)N(R₁₄)₂

and/or $\text{---}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{H}}{\text{C}}}\text{---CH}_2$;

C₂-C₂₄alkenyl which is uninterrupted or interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O, S or NR₁₄ and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OR₁₁, SR₁₁ or N(R₁₂)(R₁₃);

C₅-C₂₄cycloalkenyl which is uninterrupted or interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O, S or NR₁₄ and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OR₁₁, SR₁₁ or N(R₁₂)(R₁₃);

C₇-C₂₄arylalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted on the aryl group by C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₁-C₁₂alkoxy or halogen;

C₄-C₂₄cycloalkyl which is uninterrupted or interrupted once or more than once by O, S and/or NR₁₄


and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OR₁₁, SR₁₁ or N(R₁₂)(R₁₃); or C₈-C₂₄arylalkyl or

C₈-C₂₄arylalkyl;

R₁₁ is H, C₁-C₂₀alkyl, C₂-C₂₀alkenyl, C₃-C₈cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl or C₂-C₂₀alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OH and/or SH;




R₁₂ and R₁₃ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀alkyl, C₃-C₈cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl or C₂-C₂₀alkyl, which is interrupted once or more than once by O or S and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OH and/or SH; or R₁₂ and R₁₃ together are C₃-C₅alkylene which is uninterrupted or interrupted by O, S or NR₁₄;

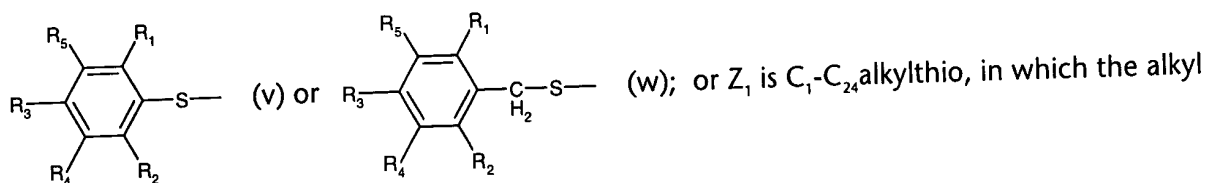
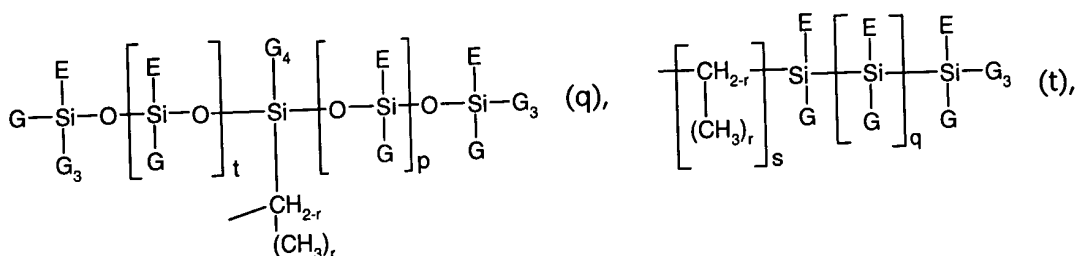
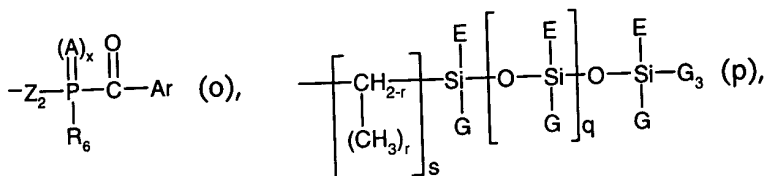
N(R₁₆)(R₁₇), phenyl, halogen, CN, -N=C=A, $\text{---}\underset{\text{H}}{\text{C}}\text{---}\overset{\text{O}}{\text{---}}\text{CH}_2$, $\text{---}\overset{\text{A}}{\text{C}}\text{---}\text{R}_{18}$, $\text{---}\overset{\text{A}}{\text{C}}\text{---}\text{OR}_{18}$

NR₁₄ and which can be substituted by OR₁₅, SR₁₅, N(R₁₆)(R₁₇), phenyl, halogen, , $\text{---}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{H}}{\text{C}}}\text{---CH}_2$,

more than once by phenyl, CN, -N=C=A, $\text{—}\underset{\text{H}}{\text{C}}\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\text{CH}_2}\text{—}$, $\text{—}\overset{\text{A}}{\text{C}}\text{—R}_{18}$, $\text{—}\overset{\text{A}}{\text{C}}\text{—OR}_{18}$ and/or

Z₁ is unsubstituted C₃-C₂₄cycloalkyl or C₃-C₂₄cycloalkyl substituted by C₁-C₂₀alkyl, OR₁₁, CF₃ or halogen; unsubstituted C₂-C₂₄alkenyl or C₂-C₂₄alkenyl substituted by C₆-C₁₂aryl, CN, (CO)OR₁₅ or (CO)N(R₁₈)₂; or

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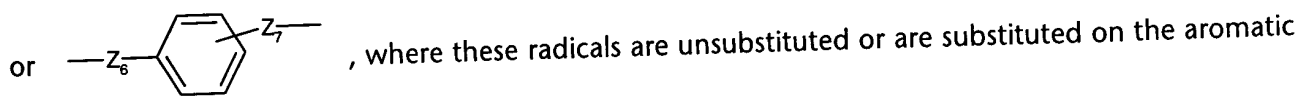
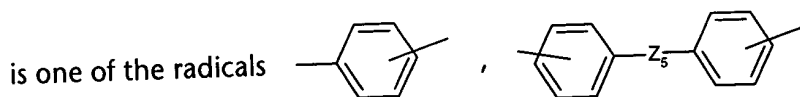


radical is uninterrupted or interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O or S, and is unsubstituted or substituted by OR₁₅, SR₁₅ and/or halogen; with the proviso that Z₁ and R₆ are not identical;

A₁ is O, S or NR_{18a};

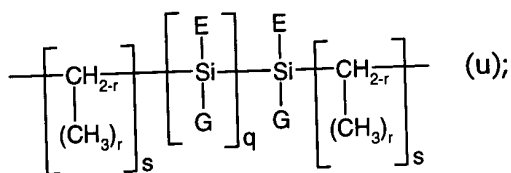
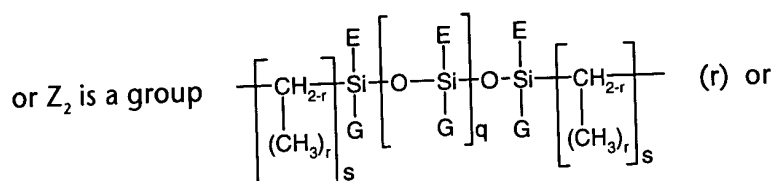
Z₂ is C₁-C₂₄alkylene; C₂-C₂₄alkylene interrupted once or more than once by O, S or NR₁₄; C₂-C₂₄alkenylene; C₂-C₂₄alkenylene interrupted once or more than once by O, S or NR₁₄; C₃-C₂₄cycloalkylene; C₃-C₂₄cycloalkylene interrupted once or more than once by O, S or NR₁₄; C₂₄cycloalkylene; C₃-C₂₄cycloalkenylene interrupted once or more than once by O, S or NR₁₄;

where the radicals C₁-C₂₄alkylene, C₂-C₂₄alkylene, C₂-C₂₄alkenylene, C₃-C₂₄cycloalkylene and C₃-C₂₄cycloalkenylene are unsubstituted or are substituted by OR₁₁, SR₁₁, N(R₁₂)(R₁₃) and/or halogen; or Z₂



by C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O atoms

and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OH and/or SH; OR₁₁, SR₁₁, N(R₁₂)(R₁₃), phenyl, halogen, NO₂, CN, (CO)-OR₁₁, (CO)-R₁₁, (CO)-N(R₁₂)(R₁₃), SO₂R₂₄, OSO₂R₂₄, CF₃ and/or CCl₃;



Z₃ is CH₂, CH(OH), CH(CH₃) or C(CH₃)₂;

Z₄ is S, O, CH₂, C=O, NR₁₄ or a direct bond;

Z₅ is S, O, CH₂, CHCH₃, C(CH₃)₂, C(CF₃)₂, SO, SO₂, CO;

Z₆ and Z₇ independently of one another are CH₂, CHCH₃ or C(CH₃)₂;

r is 0, 1 or 2;

s is a number from 1 to 12;

q is a number from 0 to 50;

t and p are each a number from 0 to 20;

E, G, G₃ and G₄ independently of one another are unsubstituted C₁-C₁₂alkyl or C₁-C₁₂alkyl substituted by halogen, or are unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted by one or more C₁-C₄alkyl; or are C₂-C₁₂alkenyl;

R_{11a} is C₁-C₂₀alkyl substituted once or more than once by OR₁₅ or $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ -\text{C}-\text{CH}_2 \\ | \\ \text{H} \end{array}$; or is C₂-C₂₀alkyl which is

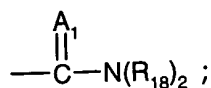
interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O atoms and is unsubstituted or substituted

once or more than once by OR₁₅, halogen or $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ -\text{C}-\text{CH}_2 \\ | \\ \text{H} \end{array}$; or R_{11a} is C₂-C₂₀alkenyl, C₃-C₁₂alkynyl; or R_{11a} is

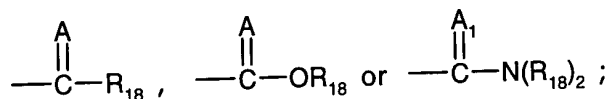
C₃-C₁₂cycloalkenyl which is substituted once or more than once by halogen, NO₂, C₁-C₆alkyl, OR₁₁ or C(O)OR₁₈; or C₇-C₁₆arylalkyl or C₈-C₁₆aryl cycloalkyl;

R₁₄ is hydrogen, phenyl, C₁-C₁₂alkoxy, C₁-C₁₂alkyl or C₂-C₁₂alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by O or S and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OH and/or SH;

R_{15} has one of the meanings given for R_{11} or is a radical $\text{—}\overset{\overset{\text{A}}{\parallel}}{\text{C}}\text{—}R_{18}$, $\text{—}\overset{\overset{\text{A}}{\parallel}}{\text{C}}\text{—}OR_{18}$ or



R_{16} and R_{17} independently of one another have one of the meanings given for R_{12} or are a radical



R_{18} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{24} alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl; C_2 - C_{20} alkyl which is interrupted once or more than once by O or S and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OH;

R_{18a} and R_{18b} independently of one another are hydrogen; C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, which is substituted once or more than once by OR_{15} , halogen, styryl, methylstyryl, $\text{—}N=C=A$ or $\text{—}\overset{\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}}{\text{C}}\text{—}H\text{—}CH_2$; or C_2 - C_{20} alkyl, which is

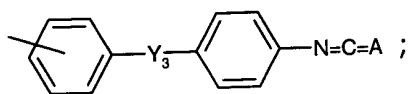
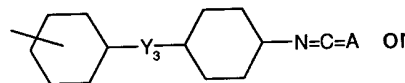
interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O atoms and which is unsubstituted or

substituted once or more than once by OR_{15} , halogen, styryl, methylstyryl or $\text{—}\overset{\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}}{\text{C}}\text{—}H\text{—}CH_2$; or R_{18a} and

R_{18b} are C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, which is substituted by $\text{—}N=C=A$ or $\text{—}CH_2\text{—}N=C=A$ and is

additionally unsubstituted or substituted by one or more C_1 - C_4 alkyl; or R_{18a} and R_{18b} are C_6 - C_{12} aryl, unsubstituted or substituted once or more than once by halogen, NO_2 , C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_4 alkenyl, OR_{11} , $\text{—}N=C=A$, $\text{—}CH_2\text{—}N=C=A$ or $C(O)OR_{18}$; or R_{18a} and R_{18b} are C_7 - C_{16} arylalkyl; or R_{18a} and R_{18b} together are C_8 -

C_{16} arylalkyl; or R_{18a} and R_{18b} independently of one another are



Y_3 is O, S, SO , SO_2 , CH_2 , $C(CH_3)_2$, $CHCH_3$, $C(CF_3)_2$, (CO), or a direct bond;

R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} , R_{22} and R_{23} independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} alkyl; C_2 - C_{20} alkyl, which is interrupted once or more than once by nonconsecutive O atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted by OH and/or SH; or R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} , R_{22} and R_{23} are OR_{11} , SR_{11} , $N(R_{12})(R_{13})$, NO_2 , CN, SO_2R_{24} , OSO_2R_{24} , CF_3 , CCl_3 , halogen; or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or more than once by C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy;

or in each case two of the radicals R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} , R_{22} and R_{23} together form C_1 - C_{20} alkylene which is uninterrupted or interrupted by O, S or $-NR_{14}$;

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 R_{24} is C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, halogen-substituted C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, phenyl, or phenyl substituted by OR_{11} and/or SR_{11} ; with the proviso that R_6 and Z_1 are not identical and wherein the compounds benzyl-n-butyl-(2,6-dimethoxybenzoyl) phosphine oxide and benzyl-n-butyl-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl) phosphine oxide are excluded.
